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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: SE-43, "Reaction of Non-Communist World to Current Communist Tactics"

1. Reasoning from the narrow limits (set forth in SE-42) within which the Communist "peace" campaign is likely to move, this estimate concludes that the campaign is unlikely to have decisive effects on the alignment of the non-Communist powers. However, in the unlikely event that the Kremlin is prepared to surrender its control over East Germany, the consequences would be far-reaching (there is the usual Joint Staff footnote on this, page 3).

2. The last paragraph indicates that US policy is likely to have a decisive effect. This paragraph [redacted] 25X1
25X1 [redacted] goes farther than we have gone in the past. Do you think we have gone too far?

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Acting Assistant Director
National Estimates

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